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1. THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION ENDED ITS MEETING ON DECEMBER 17.
THREE IMPORTANT DECISIONS WERE ADOPTED.

---IN ORDER TO INSTITUTIONALIZE MEETINGS OF THE AGRICULTURAL
MINISTER OF THE PACT, IT WAS DECIDED TO CREATE A CONSULTATIVE
ORGAN FOR AGRICULTURAL MATTERS.

---IT WAS DECIDED TO WORK TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON SANITA-
TION REGULATIONS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS, BOTH TO HELP CONTROL PESTS AND
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DESEASES THAT AFFECT CORPS AND CATTLE AND TO HELP INCREASE TRADE IN
FOOD PRODUCTS WITHIN ANCOM.

---COMMON TREATMENT OF NEUTRAL CAPITAL. THE COMMISSION DECIDED TO
DECLARE ASSISTANCE FROM SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS THE ANDEAN DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION, INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND THE INTERNATIO-
NAL FINANCE CORPORATION AS NEUTRAL, THUS ENABLING THESE INSTITUTIONS

TO MORE READILY USE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL PROJECTS, MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, AND ANCOM MARKET DEVELOPMENT. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS REPORT THIS DECISION WAS INTENDED TO ATTRACT MORE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS WHICH ARE SEEN AS BECOMING SCARCE.

2. AMONG OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED, ANCOM DEVELOPED A NEGOTIATION STRATEGY TO INVOLVE BRASIL, MEXICO, AND ARGENTINA MORE IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. THE COMMISSION ALSO INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH LAFTA AND THE EEC IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. THE COMMISSION AGREED ON A WORK PROGRAM IN THE PETROCHEMICAL AND METALMECHANICAL SECTOR TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSION'S BUDGET WAS ALSO APPROVED. THE COMMISSION EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE MOVEMENT TOWARD A COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF BARRIER AND EXPECTS AGREEMENT ON THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES OF THE STATE PURCHASES AND EXPORT INCENTIVES IN 1978. VAKY

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